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The following information was contained in a report of the Progressive Socialists signed by chairman Erwin Scharf and submitted to the Central Committee of the Austrian Communist Party:

1. The left-wing Socialists have 31,548 registered party members, 8,000 of whom are juveniles and nearly 17,000 former members of the Social-Democratic Party, who had either belonged to that party until they joined the left-wing Socialists or had been party members prior to 1934.
2. The left-wing Socialists have their strongest positions in Styria and Lower Austria.

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